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CALL FOR SUBMITTING PROJECT PROPOSALS

Call reference number:	15.02.0-N2.3-459
Call title:	Anti-Trafficking in Persons (anti-TIP)
Issuance date:	July 29, 2015
Deadline for submitting project proposals:	August 11, 2015 by 4:00 pm



Call for submitting project proposals

USAID Marginalized Populations Support Activity (PPMG)¹ invites all organizations able to legally operate in Bosnia and Herzegovina (including, but not limited to: NGOs, citizen groups, private companies and international organizations) to submit their project proposals for supporting the implementation of the **Anti-Trafficking in Persons Initiative (Anti-TIP)**, launched by the United States Agency for International Development (**USAID**). Political agents or government institutions are not eligible to apply.

USAID PPMG will administer a grant fund of approximately 80,000 USD. Proposals may be submitted for all or parts of these funds. USAID PPMG reserves the right to award any number of grants at its discretion, not to exceed \$80,000.

All questions regarding the public call are submitted exclusively via email to prijava@ppmg.ba (subject: *15.02.0-N2.3-459, Upit*).

The full text of the Anti-TIP call and all the requisite forms are available on the www.ppmg.ba website.

Applicants are required to submit a concept note by **4:00 pm on August 11, 2015**, in electronic form, with all the required addenda via email to: prijava@ppmg.ba (subject: *15.02.0-N2.3-459, Prijava na javni poziv*) after which the applicants will receive an automated response confirming that their email has been received. Concept Notes that are not submitted in the aforementioned manner will not be taken into consideration.

¹ Marginalized Populations Support Activity (PPMG) is USAID's marginalized populations support activity providing support to local organisations' activities aimed at advocating for the rights, the empowerment and dignity of under-represented populations in BiH, and building capacities of local nongovernmental organisations, institutions in BiH and USAID's implementation partners, with the aim of achieving the aforementioned goal.



Background

Trafficking in persons continues to be a major challenge in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The U.S. Department of State Trafficking In Persons (TIP) Report characterizes Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) as a source, destination, and transit country for men, women, and children who are subjected to sex trafficking and forced labor. In 2013, BiH adopted the Strategy to Fight Trafficking in Persons in Bosnia and Herzegovina for 2013-2015, and placed the Ministry of Security in charge of implementing the plan.

Bosnia and Herzegovinian women and young girls are subjected to sex trafficking within BiH. Local girls, particularly Roma, and girls from other countries in the region were trafficked for forced marriage or for domestic servitude. Furthermore, it has been recognized that arranged marriages can result in various forms of human trafficking. Lack of consent of one or both of the spouses may cause major doubts about their individual rights. Often they are subject to physical and sexual violence, coercion by threats, psychological and social pressure, emotional blackmailing, and other humiliating, degrading, and controlling actions. In the Romani population arranged marriages are tolerated and are insufficiently investigated. Also, experts reported that a significant number of Romani boys and girls, some as young as four years old, were forced into begging by organized crime groups.

After the war ended, the authorities in BiH² intensified efforts aimed at creating a legal framework which would enable the processing of cases relating to trafficking in persons and similar crimes, and providing victims with protection. Within the legislative reform framework, it is important to point out the need to pass new regulation on:

- Criminal activities with regards to trafficking and smuggling of persons (completely harmonized with the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons and the Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land and Sea and Air),
- Movement and residence of foreigners,
- protection of the rights of trafficking victims,
- witness protection program, including trafficking victims acting as witnesses,
- control and oversight of state borders (thus providing the appropriate legal groundwork for the efficient prevention of illegal migration, including trafficking in persons).

The fight against human trafficking in BiH is a priority for the U.S. Government. To assist BiH efforts to combat trafficking, funds will be used for assistance to victims, especially children and marginalized population such as Roma, particularly those affected in BiH by forced labor and child begging forms of trafficking.

Areas addressed by the public call

² Official information from the website of the Ministry of Security of BiH:
http://msb.gov.ba/anti_trafficking/zakonodavstvo/default.aspx?id=3860&langTag=bs-BA



Project proposals may address, but are not limited to, the following issues concerned with the fight against trafficking in persons:

- Sex trafficking
- Forced labor, particularly child begging
- Arranged marriages especially in the Roma population

Application procedures and conditions

USAID PPMG will administer a grant fund of approximately 80,000 USD. Proposals may be submitted for all or parts of these funds. USAID PPMG reserves the right to award any number of grants at its discretion, not to exceed \$80,000.

The shortest duration of the project is 6 months and the longest is 18 months.

During the project implementation, the applicant will be responsible for managing the contents and the financial segment of the project, and for submitting narrative and financial reports to USAID PPMG.

Applications and the required documentation must be submitted in one of the official languages and alphabetic writing systems of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Incomplete applications, applications submitted after the deadline, or not submitted in the prescribed manner, as well as applications submitted on inadequate forms will not be taken into consideration.

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Stage I

Project proposals are first submitted as concept notes. The Concept Note form (OBR-PPMG-NPP) is available at <http://ppmg.ba/ba/grantovi/obrasci>. In addition to the Concept Note, applicants must submit a detailed budget with all budget lines (including a narrative budget) in the OBR-PPMG-PRB form. The amounts in the budget must be in BAM.

Each organization may submit only one proposal. If an organization submits more than one proposal, only the proposal received first will be taken into consideration.

Applicants may, but need not have a partner. Such partners may be government institutions.

The Evaluation Committee of PPMG conducts an initial review of the applications based on the information and documentation submitted by applicants.

Preliminary review includes the following criteria:

- I. Completeness of the application – The Evaluation Committee will determine whether documentation listed as required in the Call is received;



2. Harmonization with the eligibility criteria – Based on the documentation received, the Evaluation Committee will determine whether the applicant meets the eligibility criteria;
3. Past performance in the sector the organization is applying for – the Evaluation Committee will contact individuals listed as references to collect additional information about applicants and verify data about past performance. Primarily, this communication will be done via e-mail, while other alternative ways will also be possible, such as via telephone, or, in some cases, meetings with these individuals.

During evaluation, preference will be given to proposals that:

- demonstrate a specific, responsible approach and methodology for working with the Roma
- set attainable numerical targets in a realistic time period
- can benefit from and be complemented by USAID technical assistance and expertise
- demonstrate the ability to successfully partner with government, other organizations and various stakeholders working with marginalized groups in BiH
- create synergy by involving other organizations as partners or sub-recipients

After the Evaluation Commission has evaluated and ranked all the project applications received, all the applicant will be informed about the status of their application. Grant applications scored as good continue into Stage 2 of the application process.

Stage 2

During Stage 2 USAID PPMG may, at its own discretion in the selection process, require the applicant to submit more details, if necessary.

The applicant may be requested to submit a complete project proposal in the OBR-PPMG-PRP form, available at <http://ppmg.ba/ba/grantovi/obrasci>.

Upon evaluation of complete project proposals, all applicants will be notified about the status of their application.

Grant applications scored as good continue into the negotiation stage for awarding the grant and into the grant agreement signing stage.

Deadline for submitting concept notes

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